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Washington, DC 20511

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Mr. John Young  
251 West 89<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, New York 10024

Reference: ODNI Case # DF-2014-00276

Dear Mr. Young:

This is in response to your email dated 23 July 2014 (Enclosure), received in the Information Management Division of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) on 23 July 2014. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested information and records "on documents reportedly taken by Edward Snowden from the National Security Agency."

The information maintained by ODNI relating to Mr. Edward Snowden meets the threshold requirements for withholding under exemption 7 of the FOIA, which protects from disclosure records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes. This includes information that, if released, could interfere with enforcement proceedings (b)(7)(A), could cause an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (b)(7)(C), could reveal the identities of confidential sources (b)(7)(D), or would reveal law enforcement techniques and procedures (b)(7)(E).

In addition, because the documents themselves contain classified information, they are being withheld pursuant to Exemption (b)(1).

Finally, the documents are being withheld under FOIA exemption (b)(3) because they are protected by statute. More particularly, the information is protected by 50 U.S.C. §3024(i), which directs the Director of National Intelligence to protect intelligence sources and methods, and 18 U.S.C. 798, which protects disclosure of classified COMINT and/or information, since these statutes would pertain to the leaked information held or discussed in the file.

If you wish to appeal our determination on this request, please explain the basis of your appeal and forward to the address below within 45 days of the date of this letter.

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Information Management Office  
Washington D.C. 20511

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If you have any questions, email our Requester Service Center at [DNI-FOIA@dni.gov](mailto:DNI-FOIA@dni.gov) or call us at (703) 874-8500.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer M. Strother*  
for Jennifer Hudson  
Director, Information Management Division

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**DNI-FOIA**

**From:** John Young <jya@pipeline.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2014 9:09 AM  
**To:** DNI-FOIA  
**Subject:** FOIA Request

Jennifer L. Hudson  
Director, Information Management Division Office of the Director of National Intelligence Washington, D.C. 20511

Dear Ms. Hudson,

I request any and all information and records on documents reportedly taken by Edward Snowden from the National Security Agency, in particular:

1. An accounting of the documents by type, digital or non-digital, by number of files and pages.
2. To whom Edward Snowden transmitted the documents by name, occupation, nationality, and home address.
3. What documents were transmitted to each of the parties in Item 2, by type, number of files and pages.
4. Descriptions of consultation with the US government by those who received documents from Edward Snowden.
5. Descriptions of requests by the US government to redact or eliminate portions of the documents, to whom requests were made and date.
6. Assessments by the US government of the impact of the public release of the documents, by assessing agency with scope and date.
7. Agreements reached between the US government and the parties releasing and/or holding the documents for future release, by scope and schedule.

I am an individual seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use.

I am willing to pay \$500 for my request.

I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Reason: This information will be published on the free public education website, Cryptome.org, to inform the public on the documents provided by Edward Snowden to commercial media.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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